

SHINING TIME STATION (w.t.)

EPISODE #2
MAKING FRIENDS

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(FADE IN EMPTY STATION)

(INFO DESK.)

(MR.C. CLIMBS UP ON THE INFO. DESK AND WALKS ALONG AND STOPS AT A STACK OF CARDS. THEY CATCH HIS ATTENTION AND HE READS, MUMBLING TO HIMSELF. HE CATCHES SOMETHING THAT DISTURBES HIM.)

MR. C.

Impossible! Ridiculous! There is
a great whopping mistake here. . .
And here's another one...

(HE LOOKS AROUND TO SEE IF THERE IS ANYONE TO HEED HIS WORDS. THERE IS NO ONE. HE ADDRESSES AUDIENCE.)

MR. C. (cont'd)
(pointing)

This new train schedule is
Tommyrot, bolderdash and
cookoo. There isn't a train on
earth that can go from Point Poaky
to Cloggyville in eleven
seconds. . . And look here from
Doodletown to Turley in 18 hours.
Why I can walk it in 15 minutes
and I'm only a foot tall.

(HE SPOTS A HUGE PENCIL, LUGS IT OVER AND BEGINS TO CORRECT THE ERRORS.)

MR. C. (cont'd)

I'll have to write the correct
times in here. . .

(AS HE MAKES THE CORRECTIONS, IN COMES STACY SHE SPOTS
HIM AND DOES A DOUBLE TAKE. SHE COMES OVER. SHE
WATCHES FOR A MOMENT AS HE MARKS UP THE TRAIN
SCHEDULES.)

STACY

Hey, what are you doing?

(SHE SNATCHES AWAY THE PENCIL.)

STACY (cont'd)

Aren't those the new ^{and improved} train
schedules?

(MR. C. SNATCHES IT BACK.)

MR. C.

They may be new . . .

(HE STARTS TO WRITE ON THE SCHEDULE AGAIN).

MR. C. (cont'd)

. . . but they're ^{improved} not train

schedules.

(SHE GRABS THE PENCIL AND THEY HAVE A TUGOWAR.)
(ENTER SCHEMER).

SCHEMER

Ah, you must be Stacy Jones.

have word play

In fact they're disimproved

(or improved backwards
devorpmi
which is improved
backwards.

They're simply
wrong.
wrong

(SHE JUMPS, TURNS BLOCKING HIS VIEW OF MR. C. SCHEMER GETS TO LOOK BEHIND HER AND SEES NOTHING. NO SIGN OF MR. C. JUST THE PENCIL.)

STACY

Yes, what can I do for you?

SCHEMER

Do for me? Nothing! It's what I'm
going to do for you...See those
machines over there?

(POINTING TO ARCADE AREA.)

SCHEMER (cont'd)

They're all mine. But they're
there for everyone to use. Just
put your money in. Put in all the
money you want. And I'm going to
put in a lot more stuff. Big
noisy, expensive machines. Hey,
did you see the new schedules I
had printed up?

(STACY TURNS AND TAKES ONE TO LOOK AT IT.)

(SCHEMER GETS TO LOOK BEHIND HER AND SEES NOTHING. NO
SIGN OF MR. C. JUST THE PENCIL.)

STACY

You had these schedules printed
up? Why . . . these schedules are
all wrong.

SCHEMER

So what? . . . People miss their
trains and what happens? They're
stuck here with nothing to do and
they start playing my machines.

STACY

You're really a schemer, aren't
you?

SCHEMER

How did you know?

STACY

Know what?

SCHEMER

That my nick-name is "Schemer"?

STACY

I said you were a schemer.

SCHEMER

I am a schemer. The Schemer!

Pleased to meet you.

STACY

These schedules are worthless.

No, they're ~~more than~~ worthless;
~~to everyone else but valuable~~
they're misleading.

to you

*run - valuable
make money*

SCHEMER

Alright take it easy. Relax. It
was just an idea . . . *To make a little money*

(HE BACKS AWAY WITH HIS HANDS UP IN MOCK SURRENDER.
BACKING TOWARDS ARCADE SHE TURNS AND LOOKS BEHIND THE
INFO. DESK.)

STACY

You - hoo. . . Little man. . .
where are you?

(MATT ENTERS. HE SEES STACY AND COMES OVER).

MATT

Hi, Aunt Stacy.

STACY

Hello Matt. You know your friend
who lives in the wall. . .

MATT

Mr. Conductor?

STACY

Mr. Conductor, yes, I owe him an
apology. Help me find him.

MATT

Sure.

(HE STARTS LOOKING AROUND.)
(HE OPENS THE "SORRY, WRONG DOOR. - TBA). *what's in there*

MATT (cont'd)

Nope, not in there.

(THE DOOR TO HARRY'S WORKSHOP IS OPEN AND MATT WANDERS IN.)

MATT (cont'd)

Mr. Conductor. . .

(MATT LOOKS UNDER HARRY'S DESK. THEN IN ONE OF HARRY'S DRAWERS. IN COMES HARRY.)

HARRY

Here!. . . What are you doing in there?

(MATT SPINS AROUND, SURPRISED.)

MATT

Ahhhh. . . I'm looking for Mr. Conductor.

HARRY

You want to find a conductor, son, you wait out on the platform. There aren't any conductors in here. And certainly not in my drawer.

(HE REMAINS FROZEN.)

HARRY (cont'd)

Was there something else?

(MATT BACKS AWAY.)

MATT

No, no. I was gonna leave.

(HE RUNS SMACK INTO TANYA.)

TANYA

...Hi Matt. Where are you going?

MATT

I was looking for someone...

TANYA

Come on and say hi to my Grandpa.

MATT

I don't think so.

TANYA

Why not?

MATT

I just don' wanna see him, that's
all.

TANYA

What? Are you afraid of him?

MATT

Am not!

TANYA

Then come on with me.

MATT

Ah, I think I'll look for Mr.
Conductor instead.

TANYA

Mr. Conductor? Who's that?

MATT

He's the little guy who lives in
the wall.

TANYA

Oh yeah, what is it like an animal
or something?

MATT

No! He's a guy! ^{and he's} He's like about
this big. Come on and help me
find him.

TANYA

A guy! A little guy? Ah...no
thanks. You can go and look for
him.

MATT

Now who's afraid?

spender

*maybe he's a
Tasmanian Devil
or something same term that
shuts fear*

TANYA

I'm not afraid. I'm not afraid
on anything.

MATT

You are too . . .

TANYA

Am not. (PAUSE) Besides You're
afraid to meet my grandpa.

MATT

Yeah, and You're afraid to meet
Mr. Conductor.

(SCHEMER SPOTS THEM.)

SCHEMER

Hey you two. Come over here.

(THEY SHYLY COME OVER.)

SCHEMER (cont'd)

What are your names?

TANYA

I'm Tanya.

SCHEMER

What about you?

MATT

My name's Matt.

SCHEMER

They call me Schemer. Now why
aren't you kids putting your
money in these fantastic
machines of mine? What's the
matter with you? Don't you want
to have any fun?

MATT

I don't have any money.

SCHEMER

You don't have any money? Then
what are you doing around my
machines? Go on. Go earn a
living!

(THEY BOTH WALK TOWARDS THE MURAL.)

TANYA

Grown-ups can sure be wierd
sometimes.

MATT

I'll say.

TANYA

But not my Grandpa.

clerk *Go earn*
some money so that
you can spend it all
back
having fun on my machines

MATT

And not Mr. Conductor. . . He
tells great stories.

TANYA

So does my Grandpa.

(MATT SPOTS STACY WITH MR. C. AT THE TICKET BOOTH.)

MATT

There he is...come on...

(MATT GOES OVER.)

(HE TURNS TO WAVE TANYA OVER. SHE SHAKDES HER HEAD
"NO").

MR. C.

Hello Matthew.

STACY

I found him. He's been telling me
quite a story.

(to Mr. C.)

Can you go back to the beginning
and tell Matt?

MR. C.

Let me see here . . .

(MR. C. LOOKS TOWARDS TANYA. MR. C.'S POV: TANYA
SHYLY PEEKING OVER. MR. C. TAKES A LENGTH OF GOLD
CHAIN, THAT RUNS ACROSS HIS WAISTCOAT, AT THE END OF
WHICH IS A WHITE BATH TUB PLUG. HE LOOKS AT IT AS IF
IT WAS A WATCH...)

holds it up to
the clock
donkey stacy

MATT

That's a bathtub plug.

MR. C.

You're precisely right. I keep it
to remind me that the Railroad
owes me a gold watch . . . But I
always know what time it is.

MATT

How?

MR. C.

Why, I just look at that big clock
up there.

(MATT AND STACY LAUGH. TANYA IS STRAINING TO HEAR.
MR. C. NOTES TANYA OUT OF THE CORNER OF HIS EYE.)

MR. C.

(in a loud voice for Tanya to hear)

... I have some time. I'll tell
you a story about Henry. This is
not a happy story. Oh no, not
happy at all...

(THOMAS EPISODE #3)

(AS WE COME OUT OF THE STORY, THERE IS TANYA WITH HER
MOUTH HANGING OPEN.)

MR. C.

Hello there. . .

(REALIZING SHE IS BEING ADDRESSED, SHE SNAPS OUT OF IT.)

TANYA

Oh, hello. What happened to
Henry? Did he ever get out of the
tunnel?

(MR. C. CONSULTING HIS PLUG.)

MR. C.

Whoops. Can't finish it now. I'm
late. I must be off. ^{Will tell you later} ~~It can wait~~
for another time. . .

(while leaving
at a distance)

(MR. C. DASHES OFF.)

STACY

Imagine being afraid of a few
drops of rain... Have you two ever
been afraid of anything?

getting messy?
from a few drops of
rain.
look how messy I am
trying to clean
up this place
I'll just clean myself up
after

(THEY LOOK AT EACH OTHER.)

TANYA

I thought I was alone in the house
once and I heard a noise and I got
afraid. But it was only my ^{younger} older
brother watching t.v. upstairs.

Seems like a first born

no.

→ I thought it was
a little green
company to play tricks on
me

make

but it was only the cat
knocking over a ~~some~~ book on the
bookshelf.

MATT

Yeah, sometimes I have a
nightmare, and I'll get afraid.
But then my parents come in, and
it's okay.

*improved
look the fear of
Harry
afraid that grown up
will*

(STACY WALKS THEM TOWARDS THE ANYTHING DOOR.)

STACY

Well, it's all right to be
afraid. Most people are afraid of
something, some of the time.
Usually they're afraid of what
they don't understand... like...

(SHE OPENS THE DOOR, SCARY THINGS SHOWN FROM A SIMPLER
SIDE.)

(TBA)

(PERHAPS ENDING ON SOMETHING GENUINLY SCARY. THE DOOR
IS SLAMMED IN ITS PATH.)

(CUT TO: SCHEMER LOOKS OVER THE SONGS IN THE JUKEBOX.
HE LOOKS AROUND. NO CUSTOMERS.)

???
look

SCHEMER

I guess I'll have to spend my own
money...

(HE CAREFULLY TAKES OUT A NICKLE FROM A CHANGE PURSE
AND DROPS IT IN.)

(INT. THE NICKEL ROLLS DOWN.)

#3

Look what's coming.

(3 GOES TO SEE THE NICKLE.)

#3

Hey, a 1951. I'm keeping this one.

(SCHEMER AT JUKEBOX.)

SCHEMER

What's going on here? Where's my
song?

(INT. JUKEBOX.)

#1

Who's yelling at us like that?

#2

I think it's the goat *down* that owns
this joint.

(THE JUKEBOX IS BEING SHAKEN.)

#1

Hey, quit that. We're on our
break.

(SCHEMER SHAKING JUKEBOX.)

SCHEMER

I'm going to get my money
back.

(SCHEMER TAKES HIS KEY AND OPENS THE CHANGE BOX. IT
IS EMPTY.)

SCHEMER (cont'd)

...where's my money?!!!

(INT. JUKEBOX.)

#2

Give him back his money.

#3

No, I found it. It's mine. It's
a 1951 nickel. Do you know how
rare this is? Do you know how
long I've been waiting for a '51
nickel?

(SCHEMER)

(HE GETS ON HIS HANDS AND KNEES AND TRIES PEEKING IN.)

(INT. JUKEBOX.)

#1

Hey. *giggles* Cheese it, here he comes.

(BIG CLOSE UP OF SCHEMER'S EYE.)

SCHEMER

This thing's broken, (calls to
Stacy) I'll be right back, Stacy.

(SCHEMER EXITS.)

STACY
(To herself)

Thanks for the warning.

(TANYA AND MATT BY THE MURAL.)

TANYA

Mr. Conductor? Hello are you in
there?

(NO ANSWER. STACY AT THE TICKET BOOTH.)

STACY

Oh Matt. . .

(MATT COMES OVER.)

STACY (cont'd)

Matt, take this in to Harry, will
you. I borrowed it earlier.

(SHE HANDS MATT A PHOTO ALBUM. SHE SEES HIM HESITATE.)

STACY (cont'd)

Is something wrong?

MATT

No... well, yeah. I don't think
Harry likes me in his office.

STACY

I see... Well, why don't you tell
him that I sent you.

MATT

Okay...But I don't think it'll do
any good.

STACY

Go ahead. Sometimes people can
surprise you.

(HE RELUCTANTLY LEAVES. HE GETS TO HARRY'S WORKROOM.
PEEKS IN. IT LOOKS EMPTY. NO SIGN OF HARRY. HE
DASHES IN, TOSSES IT ON THE DESK AND TURNS TO DASH OUT
WHEN HE RUNS INTO HARRY.)

HARRY

Whoa there, son. What's the big
hurry?

MATT

I was just leaving. My ^Aunt
Stacy sent me over with your book.

HARRY

Uh-ha did you find that conductor
you were looking for?

MATT

Yes sir.

(HARRY GOES TO DESK AND PICKS UP THE SCRAP BOOK.)

HARRY (cont'd)

...well, I'm glad he wasn't in my
drawer here. The thought of a
train conductor being in my drawer
makes me nervous.

reference to
earlier

(SLOWLY TURNING THE PAGES.)

HARRY (cont'd)

And I'm not a man who gets
nervous. Scared, sure. But
nervous , naw. I had one
of the biggest scares of my life
when I was about your age.

(HARRY POINTS TO A PICTURE IN THE SCRAP BOOK.)

HARRY (cont'd)

Do you see this engine here...

(C.U. OLD STEAM ENGINE.)

HARRY (V.O.)

I'll never forget the first time I
saw it rumble into the station.
The wheels looked ten feet high.

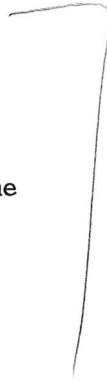
MATT

You were scared of a train engine?

(DISSOLVE INTO FOOTAGE.)

HARRY

At first I was. It let off a
blast of steam that about scared
the pants off me. And at the same
time I thought it was the most



HARRY (cont'd)

magnificent thing I'd ever seen.
Then after a while, when I'd had a
chance to ride in it a couple of
times, I was hooked. I knew I was
going to be a railroad man from
that moment on.

*explain what
made the difference*

(CUT TO MATT AND HARRY. MATT IS LOOKING OVER THE
PICTURES. HARRY GIVES A PLEASED SMILE AT MATT'S
INTEREST.)

MATT
(pointing)

What's this one?

(CUT TO PICTURE.)

HARRY

Why that's Old 999. She held the
world's speed record at 112 miles
an hour. That was back in 1900.

is that true?

(CUT TO TANYA BY THE MURAL. SHE IS GOING ALONG THE
WALL LOOKING FOR WHERE MR. C. COULD BE HIDING.)

TANYA

Hello, Mr. Conductor...

(SHE PAUSES AT THE SOUND OF LAUGHTER COMING FROM
HARRY'S WORKSHOP. SHE PEEKS IN.)
(TANYA'S POV.)
(THE TWO ARE HAVING A GRAND TIME.)

MR. C.

Why don't you go in and join them?

(SHE SPINS AROUND AND SEES MR. C. PERCHED ON AN ARCADE MACHINE.)

TANYA

Mr. Conductor. I was looking for you. You promised you'd tell me what happened to Henry. You promised.

MR. C.

Yes I did, didn't I. Well then, you'll just have to come with me.

(MR. C. VANISHES.)

TANYA

Hey, where'd you go?

MR. C.

Over here!

(MR. C. IS AT SIGNAL BOX, TANYA COMES OVER.)

TANYA
(amazed)

How'd you do that?

MR. C.

I used magic. How else do you think I could have done it? Now, where was I? Oh, yes, about Henry...

(THOMAS #4)
(DISSOLVE BACK.)
(MATT HAS JOINED TANYA.)

Comment on Thomas #4

MR. C. (cont'd)

...Are you two becoming good
friends.

(THEY LOOK AT EACH OTHER, SMILE AND NOD "YES".)

MR. C.

Well, now that's more like it.

(SEES SCHEMER ENTER.)

MR. C. (cont'd)

Uh-oh. I really must be leaving
now . . .

(HE VANISHES.)

(CUT TO SCHEMER ON HIS HANDS AND KNEES LOOKING IN THE
JUKEBOX. HE HAS A LOOL CHEST WITH HIM. HE TAKES OUT A
SAW. STACY COMES OVER.)

SCHEMER

I'll have to take this thing
apart, piece by piece. Then I'll
get that nickel out of there.

(INT. JUKEBOX.)

#1

Look man, will you give him his
nickel? Then he'll finally leave
us alone.

#3

Oh... alright.

(#3 WINDS UP AND THROWS THE NICKEL OUT.)

(EXT. SCHEMER. IT BOUNCES OFF OF HIS FOREHEAD. HE PICKS IT UP AND RETURNS IT TO HIS CHANGE PURSE. HE STANDS UP AND SEES STACY.)

SCHEMER

This is some strange place here.

My own machine tries to swipe my

own money. And then it won't even

play anything. I don't want to

bring in my new, big, noisy,

expensive machines in here. I

don't think this place is good

enough for them...

(STARTS TOWARDS THE PLATFORM EXIT. PAUSES.
DISGUSTED.)

SCHEMER (cont'd)

My own machines won't play

anything for me.

(HE EXITS.)

(INT JUKEBOX.)

#1

Hey, he's gone.

#2

Let's play something.

→ gave him a
plain old 1983
nickel
He won't know the
difference
because to him
money is just
money ~~same~~

#3

Let's play something happy.

(SONG.)

(STACY, TANYA, MATT, HARRY ,COMES OUT TO JOIN THEM,
JOIN IN FOR A SING-ALONG DURING CLOSING CREDITS.)

(FADE.)